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ITEMS FROM MY NOTEBOOK

Is Ayatollah Khomeini indestructible? I told you last month that a flurry of intelligence reports had hit Washington about the condition of Iran's 84-year-old ruler. Some said he'd had a stroke; others suggested it was a heart attack. Some said he was dying; one claimed he was already dead. Not long afterward, he turned up in public in apparent good health. Intelligence analysts still believe Khomeini suffered a mild stroke. They have just about decided, however, that he isn't going to meet his Allah any time soon. They point out that he has a 94-year-old brother and, they now hear, a sister who is older than both of them!